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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 476, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the disclosure of personal information.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 476, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 476.418, to read as follows:

476.418. 1. (1) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, no state court or any employee or agent of a state court shall publicly disclose any confidential information authorized to be closed under chapter 610 or otherwise specifically authorized to be closed by law or court order.

(2) No person shall disclose a person's Social Security number or date of birth unless otherwise authorized by law or a court order.

(3) Any person or entity receiving confidential information from a court or any court employee or agent shall be subject to this section.

(4) For purposes of this section, "publicly disclose" shall not include the use of confidential information by courts, any law enforcement agency, or the department of public safety and its divisions and agencies in carrying out its statutory or constitutional powers or duties.

2. Nothing in this section shall preclude an entity including, but not limited to, a financial institution, insurer, or consumer reporting agency that is otherwise permitted by law to access state court records from using a person's unique identifying information to match such information contained in a court record to validate that person's record.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **3. A person's attorney, or the person if not represented by an attorney, shall**
19 **make reasonable efforts to prevent the inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure of**
20 **records required to be closed as provided under this section.**

21 **4. The Missouri supreme court shall promulgate rules to effectuate this section.**

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